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Elimination of this contract would deny the NIS support of the old-line Government agency with primary capability and responsibility for trade and finance matters for Free World countries, Cuba and Yugoslavia. Agency staffs such as OER may be unprepared to pick up this burden -- as they have recently reemphasized their own lack of resources to provide continuing detailed coverage of these topics (other than summaries for the General Survey) on even the major Communist countries, except on a very occasional and highly selective basis.

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